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SUBJECT: PRESS VAKRJON TO GREEK-TURKISH TALKS

1. THE GREEK PRESS GAVE THE FIRST BITSIOS-CAGLAYANGIL MEETING IN NEW YORK RATHER LOW-KEY TREATMENT. THE GOVT IN ATHENS IS APPARENTLY ATTEMPTING TO BUTTRESS THIS RESERVE. ACCORDING TO THE SEMI-OFFICIAL ATHENS NEWS AGENCY BULLETIN (ALSO REFLECTED IN THE PRESS), AN OFFICIAL SOURCE IN ATHENS HAS TOLD THE PRESS THAT THE SEP 17 MEETING BETWEEN THE TWO MINISTERS PRODUCED NO DISCUSSION OF SUBSTANCE AND THAT "THEREFORE NEITHER OPTIMISM NOR PESSIMISM IS JUSTIFIED." ON THE OTHER HAND, LIBERAL OPPOSITION TO VIMA REPORTS FROM NEW YORK THAT A "RESPONSIBLE GREEK SOURCE" THERE COMMENTED THAT THE GOG EXPECTS NOTHING SUBSTANTIAL TO EMERGE FROM THE TALKS. THE UNIFORM NOTE IN NEWS AND EDITORIAL COLUMNS IS ONE OF SKEPTICISM ABOUT THE TALKS AND DEEP RESERVATION ABOUT THE GOT'S GOOD INTENTIONS.

2. MOST PAPERS REPORT ELEMENTS OF CAGLAYANGILS SPEECH TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, HIS CALLS FOR THE DEMILITARIZATION OF THE GREEK ISLANDS AND JOINT EXPLOITATION OF THE AEGEAN

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